

In the Claims

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A conveying system according to claim ~~[[1]]~~8 wherein in the interspace a plurality of intermediate elements are arranged, and wherein back parts of the intermediate elements, at the entry of the gap between the first conveying surface and the second conveying surface, form a comb~~grid~~-shaped part of a slide-over surface between the first and the second conveying surfaces.

3. (Currently Amended) A conveying system according to claim 2, wherein the comb-shaped part of the slide-over surface ~~is intermediate elements are designed as~~ mutually spaced apart fingers extending in the first conveying direction.

4. (Currently Amended) A conveying system according to claim 3, wherein the fingers extending in the first conveying direction cooperate with grooves in the surface of the first conveyor belt, ~~extending in the first conveying direction~~.

5. (Currently Amended) A conveying system according to claim ~~[[1]]~~2, wherein the comb~~grid~~-shaped part of the slide-over surface extends from the second conveying surface into the first conveying surface.

6. (Currently Amended) A conveying system according to claim [[1]]8, wherein ~~the~~a longitudinal edge of the second conveyor belt that faces the first conveyor belt is provided with a bevel.

7. (Currently Amended) A conveying system according to claim 6, wherein the at least one intermediate element reaching under the top run of the second conveyor belt at least one intermediate element is provided with a further back part which is located lower with respect to the slide over surface formed by the first back part and which is formed to correspond to the bevel.

8. (Currently Amended) A conveying system, comprising
an endless first conveyor belt circulating between at least first and second divert elements, a top run of the first conveyor belt forming a first conveying surface movable between the divert elements in a first conveying direction;
an endless second conveyor belt circulating between third and fourth divert elements, a top run of the second conveyor belt forming a second conveying surface movable between the divert elements in a second conveying direction, the top run of the second conveyor belt extending at least partly above and along the second divert element, so that the first and second conveyor belts, while including an interspace defining a gap, are in mutually transverse alignment; and
at least one comb-shaped intermediate element in the interspace and bridging the gap between the first and the second conveying surface. A conveying system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one intermediate element reaches under the top run of the second conveyor belt.

9. (Currently Amended) A conveying system, comprising
an endless first conveyor belt circulating between at least first and second divert
elements, a top run of the first conveyor belt forming a first conveying surface movable
between the divert elements in a first conveying direction;
an endless second conveyor belt circulating between third and fourth divert
elements, a top run of the second conveyor belt forming a second conveying surface
movable between the divert elements in a second conveying direction, the top run of the
second conveyor belt extending at least partly above and along the second divert element,
so that the first and second conveyor belts, while including an interspace defining a gap,
are in mutually transverse alignment; and
at least one intermediate element in the interspace and bridging the gap between
the first and the second conveying surface. A conveying system according to claim 1,
wherein the at least one intermediate element supports the top run of the second conveyor
belt.

10. (Currently Amended) A conveying system according to claim [[2]]8,
wherein the at least one intermediate elements ~~each~~ comprises a plate-shaped supporting
part of ~~substantially upright orientation~~.

11. (Currently Amended) A conveying system according to claim [[2]]8
wherein at least two of the at least one intermediate elements are groupwise connected
with a central carrier.

12. (Currently Amended) A conveying system according to claim [[2]]8, wherein the at least one intermediate element includes fingers ~~are~~ provided with a breaking point.

13. (Currently Amended) A conveying system according to claim [[2]]8, wherein the at least one intermediate element is ~~are arranged such that they are~~ slidable transversely to the conveying direction of the first conveyor belt.

14. (Currently Amended) A conveying system according to claim [[1]]8, wherein at least one of the first conveyor belt and/or the second conveyor belt ~~is/are~~ built up from one or more rows of successive modules in the conveying direction of the conveyor belt, which modules are pivotally coupled with the aid of hinge pins extending transversely to the conveying direction of the conveyor belt.

15. (Currently Amended) A slide-over device, comprising a central carrier with a number of mutually spaced-apart, substantially parallel extending fingers, back parts of the fingers forming a comberid-shaped part of a slide-over surface, characterized in that the slide-over device is provided with an endless conveyor belt circulating between at least two divert elements, a top run of the endless conveyor belt forming a conveying surface movable between the divert elements in a conveying direction, which conveying surface is in substantially flat alignment with the slide-over surface, and a further back part of the fingers extends under the conveying surface.

16. (Currently Amended) A slide-over device according to claim ~~4~~15, wherein the fingers extend substantially transversely to the conveying direction of the conveyor belt.

17. (Currently Amended) A slide-over device according to claim ~~4~~15, wherein the further back part of the fingers support the top run of the second conveyor belt.

18. (Currently Amended) An intermediate element for a conveying system including an endless first conveyor belt forming a first conveying surface movable in a first conveying direction and an endless second conveyor belt forming a second conveying surface movable in a second conveying direction transverse to the first conveying direction~~or slide-over device, said intermediate element according to claim 1,~~ comprising:

~~at least a bar or plate-shaped element having a~~ first back part which during use forms a slide-over surface on which a product being conveyed slides from the first conveyor belt to the second conveyor belt; and

a further back part which is staggered with respect to the first back part and which during use is located lower with respect to the slide-over surface and which is formed to correspond to ~~the~~ longitudinal edge of the second conveyor belt and extend under the second conveyor belt~~a conveying mat~~.

19. (New) A conveying system, comprising

an endless first conveyor belt forming a first conveying surface movable in a first conveying direction;

an endless second conveyor belt forming a second conveying surface movable in a second conveying direction transverse to the first conveying direction, the first and second conveyor belts defining a gap therebetween; and

at least one intermediate element bridging the gap between the first and the second conveying surfaces, said intermediate element having a first portion extending under the second conveyor belt and a second portion including fingers extending into grooves formed in the first conveyor belt.

20. (New) The conveying system as in claim 19, in which a top run of the second conveyor belt forms the second conveying surface movable between first and second divert elements in the second conveying direction, the top run of the second conveyor belt extending at least partly above and along the second divert element, so that the first and second conveyor belts, while including an interspace defining a gap, are in mutually transverse alignment.